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A FOUR-YEAR PROGRAM FOR PHILADELPHIA Things on which the people expect the new administration to concentrate its attention: The Delaware river bridge. A drydock big enough to accommodate the largest ships. Development of the rapid transit system.

PENROSE OUT FOR KNOX REPUBLICANS need not get unduly excited over Senator Penrose's declaration for Senator Knox for President. Democrats need not get unduly elated over the announcement, either.

BEAUTY AND THE SIGNS THE view that skyscrapers are beautiful and interpretative of the American spirit may be so extended to the traffic sign displays. The point of art is at least arguable. No wonder then that Council is confronted with a variety of contending proposals.

NEW TRAFFIC RULES WHAT Superintendent Mills appears to contemplate in the new plan for traffic regulation, announced yesterday, is an experiment in restricted and systematized truck routes.

THE OLD ACADEMY'S FUTURE THE composite voice of the Academics of Music has spoken in the accents of politics and prime donors of pianists and fiddlers, of celebrities and shams from Patti to Puck and beyond.

that the discussed presentation of pie-in-the-sky in the Academy raises disturbing doubts. Music plays an ennobling and expanding role in our civic progress and the accommodation for it must always be considered. The projected conversion of the Metropolitan Opera House into a house of theatrical entertainment, the unspoken drama naturally increases the demands upon the Academy for orchestral concerts, recitals of illustrious virtuosi, lectures and meetings.

PASSING THE BUNK IN 1920 POLITICS Better Manners and Better Thinking Rule in the Race for the White House

IN NATIONAL politics and in the newspapers that aim to shine as interpreters of party motives there are numerous signs of increasing wisdom and better manners. The country is full of people who are happier when they are hating Senator H. Johnson. But no one calls Senator Johnson a jackal or a hound.

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NINETY THOUSAND BLIND Much Done to Lighten Burdens of Big Sighted Army in the U. S. By GEORGE NOX McCAIN

It has been for years, president of the Home Teaching Society for the Blind, Edna C. Kimber, vice president. The organization endeavors to make life worth living for the little army of those from whom the light of day is forever shut out.

Blindness accentuates and intensifies the other senses. Many blind persons are skillful typists. Visitors to the new workshop for the adult blind in Pittsburgh recently found a young man who was said to print difficult material reports from dictation notes. His work showed perfect command of machinery.

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THE MERRY MONETH OF MAY IS NOT like the merry month of May. Youths folk now flock in every where. To gather May bus-kets and smelling herbs.

THE MERRY MONETH OF MAY (Continued) And hence they hasten the postes to light. And all the Kirke pillows care day light. With Hawthorne buds, and sweet Egg-lantine.

THE MERRY MONETH OF MAY (Continued) Before them rode a lusty Taberere. That to the many a Horne-yrpe played. To see those folks make such jousauce. Made my heart after the pype to dance.

THE MERRY MONETH OF MAY (Continued) LOOK, love, across the city from this height. And see it smolder under us, a fire Of blazing jewels. Hark, the humming choir Of moaning trolleys reach up through the air.

THE MERRY MONETH OF MAY (Continued) And undulate about us while the white Exhausted moon bows down her weary head. As sad pale mourner looking on the sight.

THE MERRY MONETH OF MAY (Continued) This is the city of desire and greed. The city of gaunt madness. Hunger, strife. Lay daily their their ceaseless hands on life. But after all it is our city. Freed A little from its sorrow we look down With yearning eyes of pride upon the street.

THE MERRY MONETH OF MAY (Continued) Strange, is it not, that nobody has suggested Burleson for President? Yes, it is not. There's a solemn sound about Sonora that the news dispatches seem determined to dissipate.

THE MERRY MONETH OF MAY (Continued) Every sugar profiteer considers himself the candy kid.

THE MERRY MONETH OF MAY (Continued) SO, TAKING western progressivism to mean a keen sense of the public interest and the public rights, it is easy to see how the westerner, without mistaking ground, without becoming reactionary, is for restricting the right of labor to strike when the strike threatens gravely the public interest.

"YOUR DATES ARE MIXED, BOIES! THIS IS MAY FIRST, NOT APRIL FIRST!"



HOW DOES IT STRIKE YOU?

GOVERNOR ALLEN SAYS PROHIBITING STRIKES IS HIS POLECAT AND HE'LL SKIN IT HIMSELF

PROHIBITING strikes is my polecat," says Henry Allen, "and I shall have to skin it myself. No one else seems to envy him the job.

THEODORE ROOSEVELT invented the phrase, "Tread softly and carry a big stick." In practice it has become "Tread softly and carry a big voice"; pussy-footing, in short, the great American word.

NO ONE but an American can ever know what pussy-foot means. Major Wrench will go back to England in a puzzling thing. "Pussyfoot," Johnson started out in Oklahoma, when Oklahoma was a territory and it was forbidden to sell liquor to Indians.

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THE CRITIC TALKS TO MUSIC LOVERS

IN THE now happily re-erected past, the Philadelphia Orchestra was obliged to resort to certain "expedients" to fill the Academy of Music.

THE fallacies and the dangers of the "request program" are almost too numerous and too self-evident to be necessary to point out. Nevertheless, the "request program" is a distinct and the principal danger lay in the conflict of the numbers chosen by the audience with the solo selection made by the conductor, necessarily weeks before.

THE most interesting point of the "request program" is that, though they continued from 1904-05 to 1913-14 again according to the recollection of the writer, the Tchaikowsky Symphony Pathétique received the largest vote every year. In fact, it virtually doubled the vote given to any other symphony every season.

THE main interest, however, lay in the title of the symphony. The "Pathétique" was chosen, although the Cesar Franck D minor symphony and, one year, the Strauss Symphony Domestica were chosen. However, there would be no vote in the program notes, although a "request program" was given.

THE interesting feature in a possible re-inauguration of the old "request program, if even for a single year, would be to see which of the "requesters" would stand today. It is more than likely that the Tchaikowsky No. 4 would be again returned as the winner.

ANSWERS TO YESTERDAY'S QUIZ 1. Edward T. Alsworth is the present secretary of agriculture. 2. The word strength contains eight letters, and only one vowel.

IF the shortage in overalls continues, the plumber may have to go to work in his Sunday suit. It is well to realize that there is danger in Philadelphia of water waste becoming water waste.